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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R.1.5)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/FR2004/001518

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

June 17, 2004

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

June 27, 2003

TITLE OF INVENTION

HITCH COUPLING ASSEMBLY WHICH DAMPENS THE HUNTING MOVEMENTS OF A ROAD TRAILER

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. (PCT/IB/308 mailed)
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)), with original drawing(s), is attached.
6. ☐ The International Application, with paragraph numbering added thereto, is attached.
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 with PTO/SB/08a/08b.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification w/Marked-Up Version of Amended Specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☐ Other items or information:

<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Examination Report <input type="checkbox"/> Annexes to Pre. Ex. Rep. <input type="checkbox"/> International Search Report <input type="checkbox"/> German Novelty Search Report <input type="checkbox"/> ___ copies of citations <input type="checkbox"/> Form PCT/IB/308 <input type="checkbox"/> International Publ. No. _____ (Face page only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Request <input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Formal Drawings <input type="checkbox"/> ___ sheets of formal drawings <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Claims Small Entity Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Notification of File Missing Parts <input type="checkbox"/> German Language Specification
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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the papers indicated as being transmitted therewith is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date **February 15, 2006** in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number **EV681474711US** addressed to the: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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17. ■ The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(5): Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$1000.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492)(a)(1) .. \$750.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492)(a)(2) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)). \$790.00 Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.492)(a)(3) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$1,110.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492)(a)(4) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	-20 =	0	x \$ 50.00		
Independent Claims	-3 =	0	x \$200.00		
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			130		
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Applicant Claims Small Entity Status. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).			0		
SUBTOTAL =			130		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).			+		
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =			0		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property			+		
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =			130		
			Amount to be: refunded	\$	
			charged	\$	

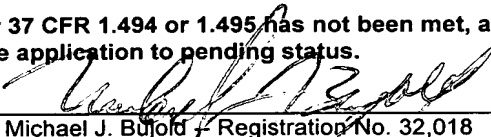
a. ■ A check in the amount of \$130 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 04-0213 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ■ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0213. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37.CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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